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## Meeting Notice

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### Health disparities work plan the topic of meeting

*Thursday, Sept. 15, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Building, Olympia*

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will receive a progress report on its work to create an action plan for five health priorities when it meets Thursday in Olympia. The five priorities are behavioral health, environmental exposures and hazards, poverty, adverse childhood experiences, and the state system and its effects on health equity. The council will also receive an update on its State Partnership Grant from the federal Office of Minority Health.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial/ethnic groups in Washington are well documented.

The council meets Thursday, Sept. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Building, Brouillet Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 600 Washington St. S.E., Olympia. The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide comments at 3:25 p.m.

More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council website](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov)

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